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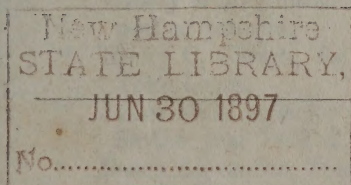
SELECTMEN OF BOW

AND

REPORT OF SUP. SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

February 24, 1863.



CONCORD:
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1863.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

1862.			
Aug. 20,	Received of Literary Fund,	\$60 75	
Aug. 28,	“ Andrew Gault, hired money,	200 00	
Sept. 6,	“ Henry K. White, “	200 00	
“ 19,	“ David Davis, “	2,000 00	
“ 19,	“ Eli Alexander, “	300 00	
“ 19,	“ Charles E. Putney “	200 00	
“ 22,	“ Levi Benson, “	400 00	
“ 26,	“ Nancy G. Brown, “	150 00	
“ 26,	“ Louisa Flanders “	150 00	
“ 27,	“ G. W. Allen, “	100 00	
“ 27,	“ N. H. Savings Bank, “	2,000 00	
Oct. 7,	“ Alonzo P. Saltmarsh, “	175 00	
Nov. 5,	“ Henry Dwinnells, “	210 00	
“ 8,	“ Mary Sweatt “	500 00	
Dec. 9,	“ Railroad Tax,	150 66	
Jan. 6,	“ Lucia G. Clement, hired money,	200 00	
“ 7,	“ Andrew Noyes, “	200 00	
“ 7,	“ Mendell Sampson, “	100 00	
“ 7,	“ Enoch Alexander, “	400 00	
“ 7,	“ Andrew Gault, “	200 00	
Feb. 16 & 18,	“ County of Merrimack for sup- port of paupers,	534 15	
Feb. 19,	“ Henry C. Clough, for use of Town house,	5 00	
	“ James Mills, collector of taxes for the year 1861-2,	2,669 61	
	“ Enoch Alexander, Treasurer, for the year 1861,	68 33	
	“ Asa Parker, Collector of taxes for 1860,	66 74	
			\$11240 24

EXPENDITURES.

Paid James Mills for abatement of taxes	\$52 88
Asa Morgan, services as Superintendent of Town Farm,	200 00
James Mills, for collecting taxes, 1862,	35 00
Enoch Alexander, services as Town Treasurer,	5 00
Enoch A. Sargent, services as Town Clerk,	10 00
S. W. Evans, School tax,	17 00
Morrill & Silsby, for books and stationery,	3 74
Ira Perley, for written opinion in regard to taxing wood to Railroad companies,	5 00
City of Nashua, for expense of H. J. Perrin and child,	15 00
A. S. Marshall, for written opinion in regard to culvert near J. Austin's house,	5 00
Note of N. H. Savings Bank,	2,033 67
R. Palmer, for assistance rendered to transient person,	2 55
Stillman Hadley, for pork and flour for Anthony Kelley,	2 00
J. G. Andrews, for groceries for A. Kelley,	1 80
E. C. Eastman, for paper,	30
Asa Allen, for chest,	5 00
J. C. Merriam, for lumber for bridge,	6 46
H. C. Clough, for taking care of Town and Hearse house,	5 00
H. C. Clough, for $\frac{1}{2}$ cord wood for A. Kelley,	1 50
John Brown 2d., and others, for lumber for bridges in District No. 14, 1860, '61, '62,	18 76
James Brown, for sawing lumber for Town farm,	1 39
Sylvester B. Chandler, for supporting Jonathan Clough thirty-one weeks,	23 25
Jeremiah Austin, note and interest,	467 79
Mendell Sampson, for guide-board,	67
F. W. Colby, for services as S. S. Committee,	28 00
Soldiers' families, (State Aid,)	116 00
Soldiers bounties,	5,600 00
Langdon Ordway and others, work on Upton road,	34 97
Mendell Sampson, note and interest,	269 77
Joseph T. Goss, cloth for J. Clough,	5 32
Parker Brown, lumber for bridge,	8 65
John T. Morgan, groceries for A. Kelley,	2 28

Paid Joshua Colby, Agent Town farm, 1861,	\$100 00
State Treasurer, State tax,	242 40
County Treasurer, County tax,	564 16
Non Resident highway receipts	63 32
Several school districts for the years 1861, '62,	838 08
Enoch Alexander, services settling with Clark & Smith,	1 90
Clark & Smith, counsel on Holt case,	31 00

To Paid Andrew Gault for services as Selectman, and cash paid out as follows :

April 1-4, To 4 days taking inventory,	\$4 00
“ To 8 days regulating inventory, making taxes, surveyors warrants, collectors lists and warrants,	8 00
April 24, To 1 day at town farm settling with superintendent,	1 00
“ To recording inventory, taxes, and appointing collector,	4 00
May 6, To 1 day at town farm,	1 00
June 3, To 1 day going to Nashua to settle expense of Mrs Perrin,	1 00
“ To paid road fare and expense at Nashua,	2 50
June 6, To 1 day with horse and wagon on town business,	1 50
June 11, To going to Concord, town business,	1 00
“ 24, To going to Manchester to enquire about Mrs. Moses settlement,	1 00
“ To paid Railroad fare to Manchester,	1 00
June 27, To making warrants for town meeting	50
July 9, To going to see the Upton road and to town farm,	75
“ To enrolling militia twice and returning same,	4 00
Aug. 20, To going to Concord, to see the commissioners about John McCoy,	75
To time spent about soldiers, hiring money, paying soldiers' bounties, &c.,	25 00
Dec. 20, To 1 day regulating jury box and other town business,	1 00

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Jan. 12,	To going to town farm to meet county commissioner,	\$ 75
"	To making pauper accounts and settling same,	4 00
Jan. 16,	To going to West Concord on town business,	1 00
Feb. 18,	To 1 day at town farm settling with superintendent,	1 00
" 19,	To 1 day at town farm and town house, settling accounts,	1 00
" 21,	To making checklists and warrants for town meeting,	1 00
" 27,	To going to town farm and to Concord,	1 00
	To paid letter and revenue stamps,	1 25
	To making report, copying and getting the same printed,	4 00

 \$73 00

To paid Andrew Noyes for services as Selectman, as follows :

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March 14,	To carrying Jonathan Clough to town farm,	\$1 00
April	To 4 days taking inventory,	4 00
"	To 6 days making taxes and distributing surveyors' warrants,	6 00
April 24,	To 1 day at the town farm,	1 00
May 6,	To 1 day at town farm,	1 00
July 28,	To 1 day with horse and wagon to enroll soldiers,	1 50
Aug. 15,	To 1 day with horse and wagon to enroll soldiers,	1 50
Sept. 9,	To going to Concord on military business,	1 00
Sept. 12 & 24,	To going to Concord, twice, to pay soldiers' bounties,	2 00
" 26,	To going to Concord to hire money,	1 00
	To going to jury meeting and regulating jury box,	1 50
Dec. 20,	To going to Seth Austin's, on town business,	1 00

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Feb. 18,	To 1 day at town farm taking account of stock,	\$1 00	
Feb. 19,	To 1 day settling town affairs,	1 00	
" 21,	To making checklist and warrant for town meeting,	1 00	
	To 2 days making town report,	2 00	
			\$27 50

To Williby C. Alexander, for services as Selectman as follows:

April 1-4,	To 4 days taking inventory,	\$4 00	
"	To 6 days regulating inventory, making taxes, and surveyors' warrants,	6 00	
" 24,	To 1 day at town farm settling with superintendent and taking invoice,	1 00	
	To 2 days on town business and carrying Charles Perren to town farm,	2 50	
	To 2 days enrolling soldiers,	2 00	
Sept. 26,	To ½ day going to Concord to hire money,	50	
	To going to Concord to see Adj't. Gen. about reducing our quota	1 00	
Oct. 16,	To ½ day going to town house to meet the commissioner,	50	
	To making county pauper accounts and two journeys to Concord,	3 50	

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Feb. 21,	To making checklists and warrants for town meeting,	1 00	
	To making report,	3 00	
	To Auditors,	2 00	
			\$27 00

\$10,952 11

Outstanding Debts against the Town.

Date of Notes.			Amount
July 12, 1859,	Eli Alexander, principal,	\$200 00	\$247 02
" "	Andrew Gault, "	700 00	864 56
Oct. 24,	Andrew Gault, "	280 00	340 15

Ap'l 15,	"	Andrew Noyes, principal,	\$300 00	\$376 74
June 19, 1860,		Enoch Alexander, "	525 00	613 98
Sept. 28, 1861,		Andrew Gault, "	1000 00	1085 79
Aug. 28, 1862,		" " "	200 00	205 87
Sept. 6,	"	Henry K. White, "	200 00	205 60
" 19,	"	David Davis, "	2000 00	2051 66
" "	"	Eli Alexander, "	300 00	307 75
" "	"	Charles E. Putney, "	200 00	205 17
" 22,	"	Levi Benson, "	400 00	410 13
" 26,	"	Nancy G. Brown, "	150 00	153 70
" "	"	Louisa Flanders, "	150 00	153 70
" 27,	"	G. W. Allen, "	100 00	102 45
Oct. 7,	"	Alonzo P. Saltmarsh, "	175 00	178 99
Nov. 5,	"	Henry Dwinells, "	210 00	213 81
" 8,	"	Mary Sweatt, "	500 00	508 83
Jan. 6, 1863,		Lucia G. Clement, "	200 00	201 60
" 7,	"	Andrew Noyes, "	200 00	201 57
" "	"	Mendell Sampson, "	100 00	100 78
" "	"	Enoch Alexander, "	400 00	403 13
" "	"	Andrew Gault, "	200 00	201 57

\$9,334 55

Debts Due the Town.

Due from Asa Parker, collector of taxes for the year 1860,	\$86 18
Due from James Mills, collector of taxes for 1861-2,	694 30
Money in the Treasurer's hands,	187 78
	\$968 26

Amount of liabilities,	\$9,334 55
" due the town,	968 26

\$8,366 29

The undersigned, Auditors of the Selectmen's accounts for the year ending Feb. 24, 1863, certify that we have examined said accounts and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

ENOCH ALEXANDER, }
 PARKER BROWN, } *Auditors.*

Receipts and Expenditures of Superintendent at Town Farm.

4 calves,	\$8 00	on bills due the town	
45½ bushels potatoes,	14 87	1859-60-61,	\$7 71
42 chickens,	11 45	191 lbs. dried apples,	11 46
33½ dozen eggs,	7 10	5 bush. oats,	2 42
54 baskets,	15 60	2 scythes,	50
14½ bushels berries,	36 55	½ bushel meal,	37
290¼ lbs. butter,	49 06	1 hat,	50
tobacco,	38	bottoming chair,	25
2 qts. vinegar,	10	1 hide,	4 06
49¾ lbs. rags,	1 20	repairing basket,	25
99 lbs. iron,	99	1 peck corn,	25
6 bushels apples,	3 19	2 balls wicking,	14
139¾ lbs. beef,	6 97	1 pair steers,	67 00
wood,	26 00	labor,	13 85
2½ bushels beans,	4 43	2 feather beds,	5 00
County of Merrimack for		for interest on money	
support of paupers,	534 15	rec'd in advance,	58
			\$834 38

Expenditures.

2 stove backs,	\$1 00	22½ lbs. tobacco,	\$9 94
6 bbls. flour,	46 03	blacksmith work,	11 49
5½ bushels rye,	5 20	1 demijohn,	50
291 lbs. beef,	14 92	copperas and indigo,	35
197 lbs. sugar,	8 23	14 lbs. nails,	65
thread and wax,	1 07	10 qts. peas,	75
1 set measures,	92	books and paper,	95
2 sad irons,	72	boots and shoes,	17 35
steelyards,	1 25	tin ware,	3 92
1 square,	25	3 hats,	1 15
alcohol,	60	1 plow,	5 00
39 lbs. mackerel,	2 47	Brown's drops,	22
2¼ lbs. spices,	88	knives and forks,	1 50
33 plates,	2 50	auger and gimlet,	62
garden seeds,	19	broom and mopstick,	37
1 lb. saltpetre,	16	2 lbs. rolls,	1 00
15 lbs. saleratus,	1 13	2 tubs,	1 50
7½ galls. vinegar,	1 25	1 strainer,	33
208 lbs. superphosphate,	5 00	powder, shot and caps,	43
6 tumblers,	36	¼ lb. sulphur,	06

shovel and scythes,	\$2 41	labor,	\$13 87
clothes pins,	09	6 balls twine,	52
spoons and caster,	75	115½ yards cloth,	26 80
rifles,	16	needles,	13
pickle tub,	25	9 balls wicking,	77
putty and glass,	33	6 chairs,	90
hooks and eyes,	04	1 cow,	18 00
apple pearer,	92	leather,	1 25
mercurial ointment,	14	1 bed cord,	50
Burgundy pitch,	12	awls and corn snapper,	30
spirits turpentine,	12	mending tin,	15
1 card,	08	basket stuff,	1 25
saw, axes and handle,	3 94	grass seed,	2 25
clothes line,	25	combs and pins,	36
magic fluid,	20	camphor,	30
shoe strings,	05	salts,	08
filing saw,	37	matches,	15
3 lbs. raisins,	75	crackers,	37
earthen pot,	10	2 quarts oil,	50
buffalo robe,	9 50	1 lb. cocoa,	22
1 bottle balsam,	75	3 shoats,	13 50
79½ lbs. fish,	4 05	16 galls. molasses,	6 05
salt,	3 63	6 lbs. tea,	4 37
paid Stillman Hadley for		Asa Morgan, for services	
altering pig,	25	as supt. of town farm,	200 00

Bills contracted by Joshua Colby, paid by Asa Morgan :

13½ lbs. mackerel,	\$1 08	4½ yards cloth,	\$ 95
thread,	14	31½ lbs. fish,	1 51
6 galls. molasses,	2 40	spices,	20
¼ gross matches,	22	1 lb. tea,	67
2 bbls. flour,	14 87	5 lbs. soda,	35
1 quart oil,	23	2 lbs. sugar,	22
9 lbs. tobacco,	3 34		
			\$500 23

Amount of receipts,	\$834 38
Amount of expenditures,	500 23

Balance in favor of the town,	\$334 15
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Estimated value of Stock and Provisions at Town Farm.

13 tons hay,	\$135 00	10 bushels oats,	\$5 00
1 pair oxen,	100 00	2½ " beans,	5 00
6 cows and 1 heifer,	136 00	¾ " peas,	2 00
1 pair steers,	25 00	10 baskets,	10 00
horse and colt,	60 00	1 buffalo robe,	9 00
yokes, bows and irons,	5 00	3 meal bags,	75
1 cart and 5 chains,	8 00	325 lbs. pork,	32 50
2 pitch forks,	62	75 lbs. beef,	4 00
3 rakes,	50	100 bush. potatoes,	35 00
31 hens,	7 75	4 bbls. ashes,	3 00
1 grindstone,	2 00	50 lbs. butter,	10 00
3 plows,	20 00	30 flour bbls.,	3 00
1 cultivator,	2 00	1 copper pump,	3 00
2 axes and 2 hoes,	3 00	3 tubs,	2 00
4 scythes and snaths,	2 50	cheese safe,	2 50
4 shoats,	18 00	30 lbs. candles,	4 50
1 sleigh,	8 00	1 churn,	4 00
1 wagon and harness,	15 00	soap and bbl.,	1 00
2 wood saws,	75	32 lbs. dried apples,	1 92
1 frow and shave,	75	50 lbs. molasses sugar,	3 00
1 harrow,	2 00	20 lbs. tallow,	2 00
1 ox sled and drag,	5 00	30 lbs. lard,	6 00
2 shovels,	1 00	1 bush. corn meal,	1 00
lot of lumber,	3 00	1 bush. rye flour,	1 00
52 bushels corn,	52 00	40 milk pans,	8 00
cheese press and fixtures,	1 00	5 tin pails,	1 50
6 beds, bedsteads & bed'g	54 00	2 wooden pails,	25
lot of feathers,	2 00	2 mackerel kits,	25
2 seives,	50	2 cases drawers,	2 00
cooking stove & furniture,	15 00	4 boxes,	50
38 plates & 5 bowls,	3 00	4 meat bbls.,	2 00
17 knives and forks,	2 00	salt,	1 00
12 cups and saucers,	50	1½ bbl. flour,	11 50
2 jugs and 2 butter tubs,	2 00	fish,	58
brown earthen ware,	80	tea,	40
3 tables and 19 chairs,	6 50	spices,	25
1 pair andirons,	50	set of measures,	80
2 pair tongs and shovel,	50	steelyards,	1 00
3 grain boxes,	2 00	square,	20
auger and gimlet,	50	lot of straw,	3 00
hand saw,	1 25		
town farm,	3,500 00		\$4,409 32

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS :—In presenting the annual report of the Schools at this time, we propose to give a brief outline or sketch of each school in town as regards the general management and present condition of the same.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer Term taught by Miss Lydia C. Johnson, of Weare. This was a good school and well managed. Miss Johnson is a teacher of much experience, and well qualified for the business, as the school under her care gave abundant evidence.

Winter Term, taught by Miss Laura A. Clough, of this town, is still in session. Judging from what we have seen of the school we should think the previous reputation of both teacher and school, would be well sustained and the results satisfactory. Not having received the Register from this District, we cannot report statistics of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer Term of 9 weeks, taught by Miss Laura A. Clough, of this town.

Winter Term of 11 weeks, taught by Mr. G. W. Carr. Both schools were well kept, and the progress made commendable. The school in summer was somewhat broken up by sickness in the district, consequently did not appear to so good advantage at the examination as it otherwise would.

In the winter school a good degree of improvement was manifest on the part of the scholars; the order and management excellent. We consider Mr. Carr one of the best teachers and just what is needed in our larger winter schools, those especially where there are advanced scholars, and that any district would be fortunate in securing the services of such a teacher. Whole number of scholars in Summer, 19. Whole number of scholars in Winter, 19. Average, 12.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Summer Term, 8 weeks. *Fall Term*, 12 weeks. Both taught by Miss M. E. L. Potter, of East Concord. This was an excel-

lent school. Miss Potter's reputation and success as a teacher is too well known to require comment here ; suffice it to say, that the school under her care was a decided success, and we trust satisfactory to the people of the district, judging from the large number of visitors present at the closing examination of each term. Whole number of scholars in Summer, 22. Average, 21. Whole number of scholars in Winter, 20. Average, 18.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Summer Term of 12 weeks, taught by Miss Bessie A. Eastman, of Hooksett. Miss Eastman is a teacher of considerable experience, and appeared to be well fitted for the position ; we think good improvement was made.

Winter Term of 14 weeks was taught by Miss Mary F. Doe, of Pembroke. The remarks made in reference to the Summer Term will apply to this. Whole number of scholars in Summer, 19. Average, 13. Whole number scholars in Winter, 12. Average, 11.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Taught in one term of 12 weeks, by Miss Etta B. Currier, of Manchester. This was her first school, and we think she succeeded very well, and with more experience would make a good teacher. Whole number of scholars, 17. Average, 12.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

The School taught by Mrs. Lorinda Green of this town, in one term of $16\frac{1}{2}$ weeks. Mrs. Green has had considerable experience, and is a faithful hard working teacher, willing to labor for the good of those placed under her care, and is well calculated to interest and instruct the young, and we think the school exhibited a good degree of interest and improvement. Number of scholars, 11. Average attendance, 7.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Both Schools taught by Miss Lucretia Putney, of this town. In this School the teacher evidently labored hard for the welfare of her scholars, and we think with good results. Disturbances of an unpleasant character occurred during the Winter School, occasioned by the refusal of some of the large boys to comply with the reasonable requirements of the teacher. These matters were the occasion of calling in the committee, and after a careful hearing of all sides, the dismissal from school of the individuals referred to was the result ; not, however, without the exhibition of much ill-feeling towards each other by the parties concerned, which feeling we are sorry to say, appears to be shared in by some of the citizens of the district.

Not receiving the Register from this district in season, we cannot report the statistics of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

School taught in one term of 15 weeks, by Mr. Abel Davis, of Dunbarton. Mr. Davis is considered as an able and efficient teacher, and the school under his care appeared very well indeed. Not being present at the closing examination, we are unable to speak particularly of the progress made, but believe it to have been commendable. Average attendance 12.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Summer Term of 6 weeks, taught by Miss Clara R. Davis, of this town. As there was no school in this district the previous year, and the term being very short, it was not expected that great things could be accomplished, yet we think the teacher labored for the advancement of the school, and hope some improvement was made. Whole number of scholars, 14. Average attendance, 11.

Winter Term of 5½ weeks, taught by Miss Luthera Clough, of this town. This was her first school, and we think that she succeeded very well under the circumstances; for by some means there arose serious dissatisfaction and disagreement between some of the scholars and the teacher, and this feeling was shared in by the parents of the scholars and others to such an extent that a petition was presented your committee, requesting the dismissal of the teacher from the school. But after a careful hearing of all sides, it was decided to have the school go on, and the teacher remain in her place; and the result was a quiet, orderly school, the remainder of the term. Number of scholars, 14. Average attendance, 11.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Summer Term of 6 weeks, taught by Miss Mary J. Wheeler, of Dunbarton. This was a good school, well taught and judiciously managed.

Winter Term of 13 weeks, taught by Miss Lizzie C. Colby, of this town. The teacher seemed to be earnest and faithful in the discharge of her duties, and we think a commendable degree of improvement was made. Whole number of scholars, 17. Average, 12.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

Summer Term of 7 weeks, taught by Mrs. Harriett A. Short, of this town. This school appeared to be very well conducted, and we think a fair degree of improvement was made. Average number of scholars, 14.

Winter Term of 9 weeks, taught by Miss Sarah A. Ball, of Auburn. Miss Ball is an able and experienced teacher, and the school under her care this winter gave evidence that her former reputation as a teacher had been well sustained. Number of scholar, 18. Average, 13.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

Summer Term, taught by Miss Lucy Morgan, of this town. The *Winter Term* also was commenced by the same, but being obliged to leave on account of ill health, Miss Fowler, from Pembroke, was engaged to finish the school. Miss Fowler has the reputation of being an excellent teacher, and from what we saw of the school, should think such was the fact.

Not being present at the close of either term, we cannot speak of the progress made ; and not having received the Register, cannot report the statistics of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

Summer Term of 10 weeks, taught by Miss Lizzie B. Saltmarsh, of this town. We consider Miss Saltmarsh as being well adapted to the business of teaching, especially young scholars, such as a large proportion of our Summer schools are made up of, and we think in this school the teacher labored diligently to advance the interests of those committed to her care. Whole number of scholars, 14. Average attendance, 13.

Winter Term of 10 weeks, taught by Mr. George F. Paige, of Franklin. This was Mr. Page's first attempt at teaching, and although the school was not in all respects what a good school should be, we think the faults and errors committed were more of the head than the heart, and that with more experience and riper judgment, Mr. Page might succeed in keeping a good school. Whole number of scholars, 23. Average, 19.

DISTRICT NO. 14.

Both terms taught by Miss Melinda Upton, of this town. *Summer Term*, 9 weeks. *Winter Term*, 8 weeks. This appeared to be a pleasant, quiet school. The teacher seemed interested in her work, and the scholars prompt and obedient. The exercises at the closing examination were interesting, and gave evidence that the time had been well improved. Average attendance in Summer, 7. Average attendance in Winter, 9.

Before concluding this report we propose to offer a few thoughts and suggestions in regard to our common schools as they now exist. Are our common schools accomplishing that amount of good in society which might reasonably be expected? If not, what is the difficulty and where is the fault? It may be said these are questions easier asked than answered. We do not propose to discuss these matters here at length, but simply to call attention to the subject. As a community and town do we manifest that interest and forethought in regard to the welfare of our schools, which the importance of the subject demands? In almost every ordinary business transaction in life, the first question asked is,—“will it pay ;” and the settlement of that question governs our fu-

ture course of action. Let us apply the same process of reasoning to the subject under consideration, and inquire whether our school system as now managed and carried on "pays," not merely in "dollars and cents" point of view, but in that which is of much greater consequence, the moral and intellectual well being of society; trusting that a careful consideration of these questions will suggest the proper remedy for existing evils we leave this part of our subject.

We come now to speak of school management, and we trust we shall be excused, if in some portions of these remarks we introduce extracts from the writings of others as expressing the ideas we would convey better than words of ours. By school management we mean much more than is expressed by school government; the latter includes the former. Strict government is sometimes found in connection with bad management; the teacher's success in the government of his pupils depends upon a thousand *little things*, indeed it depends upon *all things* he says or does.

Every arrangement in the school should be systematic; there should be a time for everything and everything in its time. To our common schools we must look for those who will soon be called upon to manage the affairs of families, to transact the business of town and State, to fill the vacant bench of Justice, to sit in the halls of Legislation, and to direct and control the church of God.

We would say further that our common schools should be the *best* in the town, county and State. To secure this object not only must good school-houses be provided, well qualified teachers employed, and a deep interest felt by parents in the welfare and improvement of the school, but pupils must be docile and obedient, prompt, punctual and faithful in the discharge of all their duties. Then we should find in our families and community, better sons and daughters, kinder brothers and sisters, truer friends, nobler patriots, more devoted and more faithful Christian citizens. And to those more directly interested and engaged in the instruction of the young, we would say,

"Valiant be and ever dare,
To do the right, tho' all the gathered hosts
Of error may oppose. Then if thou fail
On earth, thy well earned measure of applause
To gain, that nobler tribute from the skies,
'Well done thou good and faithful Servant' shall
Thy glorious mission crown."

FRANCIS W. COLBY, *S. S. Committee of Bow.*

Bow, Feb. 23, 1863.